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Shelton Alumni Celebrate

SHELTON STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MEETING PLANS

The Shelton State Alumni Association will recognize a new Alabama author along with the outstanding faculty and staff of the college and new alumni officers for the year at the organization's Annual Meeting planned for Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in the dining area of the college's Martin Campus.

Ben Erickson, author of **A PARTING GIFT**, will be the keynote speaker for the evening. Erickson, originally from Mobile and now living in Eutaw, Alabama, published this first novel last spring. Originally written as a high school graduation present for his son, **A PARTING GIFT** takes place in Mobile and was chosen by the members of The American Booksellers Association as a **Book Sense 76** selection.

Through a young man's earnest searching and an older

man's reflections, **A PARTING GIFT** becomes an unforgettable tale of love and loss that resonates with each generation.

Erickson is also an award-winning furniture maker who has written many articles for woodworking magazines and has contributed to books on the subject. A graduate of the University of South Alabama, Erickson and his wife disassembled, moved, and restored a two-story antebellum house in Eutaw in 1980 where they now live with their two sons.

The Shelton State Alumni Association will also recognize Shelton State's Chancellor's Awards nominees for the college. Dr. Bruce Bizzoco, associate dean of the college, was named the Outstanding Administrator for the college. Steve Fair was named the Outstanding Technical Faculty Member and Bill Aldridge the Outstanding Academic Faculty Member. John Flannigan was the Outstanding Support Staff Person.

The cost of the evening includes dinner for \$10, and reservations may be made by sending a check to The Shelton State Alumni Association by April 18. For more information, call the alumni office, 2252 or 2221.

A PARTING GIFT

By Ben Erickson

A shooting star streaked across the heavens, briefly lighting up the dark sky. "Did you see it?" Mr. Davis asked. Josh nodded. "They only last a second, but for that moment they're the brightest thing in the sky. We're like that too. Here for just a fleeting instant and then gone."

At seventeen, all Josh Bell is sure of is his love of surfing and his ability to catch the next wave. The child of a broken home, he can't understand why the father he once idolized hasn't seen him in over a year.

At eighty-four, William Davis thought his life was over. A reclusive widower who keeps to himself in his house overlooking Mobile Bay, he quietly spends his days with his books and the beauty of the bay to comfort him.

Join the Shelton State alumni Association at its annual meeting and hear more of this Alabama author.

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HONORS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 30

Honors Program on the Fredd
Campus
10 a.m. Cafetorium

Tuesday, May 1

Terrific Tuesday Honors Recital
1 p.m. Alabama Power Recital
Hall

Phi Theta Kappa Dinner
6 p.m. D-rooms Martin Campus

Music Department's Spring
Concert
7:30 p.m. Bean-Brown Theatre

Wednesday, May 2

Honoring Student Leadership
12:15 p.m. deGraffenried Lecture
Hall

Thursday, May 3

Honor's Night Reception
6:30 p.m. Umphrey Center

Honor's Night Program
7 p.m. Umphrey Center

*Shelton State Photography II
students will have their work on
exhibit all week in the National
Bank of Commerce Art Gallery*

FROM THE LIBRARY

The number of library
classes and sessions provided by
Shelton's library staff is up
significantly over the past year.
The number of sessions is up 76%
while the number of students
taught is up 104% over last spring.
These are besides the credit-
bearing LBS classes

Spring 2000

17 classes with 389 students

Summer 2000

4 classes with 165 students

Fall 2000

36 classes for 958 students

Spring 2001

30 classes for 792 students

WELCOME DR. HEINRICH

The last few weeks have
been extremely busy for Shelton's
new dean of instruction, Mark
Heinrich. Heinrich, who is
originally from Tennessee, believes
the most important issue for him
right now is one of
communications, getting
acquainted with Shelton and its
people.

Heinrich was at Carson-
Newman College in Jefferson City,
Tennessee, for the past 21 years.
He served as vice president for
academic affairs at the institution
from 1999 until he joined Shelton
State April 1.

Committed to the team
approach and the quality
movement, Heinrich sees some of
the most important issues facing
the college over the next few years
to be ones concerning distance
learning, the Internet, enrollment
management and dual-enrollment.

Heinrich was at the
University of Alabama from 1976-
1980 while in graduate school.
While there, he worked for the
athletic department as academic
counselor under Coach Paul
"Bear" Bryant from 1978 - 1980.
During that same time he was also
the tennis coach for the University.

He received his Ph.D. in

1980 from the University with a
major in counseling. His B.S. and
M.A. degrees are from Tennessee
Technological University in 1975
and 1976.

His wife, a former first
grade teacher, is originally from
Seymour, Tennessee. This summer
the couple will celebrate their 25th
wedding anniversary. They have
recently moved into their new
home in Hinton Place.

Faculty and Staff Get New Lounge Area

*Small things can make a big
difference!*

President Rick Rogers
announced this week that a new
special lounge and eating area has
been set up for college employees.
New furniture was ordered and is
now set up in the D-1 room.
**Coffee, juice and sweet rolls will
be served everyone Friday, April
13, from 8 - 9:30 a.m. in D-1.**
Come by, relax, and get ready for
the Easter holiday.

ABSTON NAMED TO HEAD KEY TRAINING

Shelton math instructor
Byron Abston has been named key
trainer for the college. As part of
his responsibilities, he will work
with first year students who have
taken the Work Key assessment
and have a deficiency in a certain
area. Key training will focus on
these areas and help the students
advance to the desired levels.

The work will be done by
the students through a self-paced
computerized program.